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Show support for Chick-fil-A

Dear Colleague,

Many of you may be aware that Chick-fil-A has recently come under fire for statements made by its president, Dan Cathy. In an interview with the Baptist Press, Cathy stated, "'We are very much supportive of the family -- the biblical definition of the family unit. We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives. We give God thanks for that.'"

Many on the left have called the radical idea that a company embrace traditional values and support strengthening families "bigoted." Some Democratic officials have gone as far as saying they will block any attempts by Chick-fil-A to locate or expand in their communities. At a time when holding a position on family values provokes such a vitriolic response, I invite you to join with me in a letter to Dan Cathy supporting Chick-fil-A's stand.

The text of the letter can be found below. **Deadline to cosign is COB Tuesday, July 31.** For more information or to sign on, please contact [REDACTED] [@mail.house.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@mail.house.gov).

Dear Mr. Cathy:

We write today to show support for the manner in which you have defended your values and reputation in the face of unfair and malicious criticism.

Chick-fil-A represents an American success story. What began in 1946 as a small diner in Hapeville, Georgia, has grown into one of the most flourishing quick-service restaurants in the country. While the business has expanded, Chick-fil-a has remained faithful to the family values on which it was founded. Your company has displayed dedication to your employees by offering them college scholarships and ensuring they have the opportunity to worship on Sundays, commitment to communities through your philanthropic foundation, and an emphasis on customer service as evidenced by your numerous awards and continued growth in sales.

We are bewildered by those who would take offense at your values and would block the expansion of your business into their communities. We welcome Chick-fil-A's investment in our districts. The example of quality, hard work, and charity demonstrated by Chick-fil-A is one that others who, when faced with opposing views, resort to hate would do well to emulate.

Sincerely,

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